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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 25, 2003, which was made final, Applicants request reconsideration of the rejection in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending in the application.

Applicants thank the Examiner for conditional allowance of claims 16-19.

In the Office Action, claims 1-15 and 20-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 (e) as being anticipated by Miller et al (hereinafter named Miller).

The Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

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